St John Plessington Catholic College

# Newsletter

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# **Operation Christmas Child**





SJP Website

#### **300 Shoe Boxes**

Congratulations to the Staff and Students from our college community who packed the fantastic total of three hundred shoe boxes for this years *Operation Christmas Child Appeal*.

The power of a simple gift of a filled shoe box will bring happiness into the lives of thousands of children around the world this Christmas.

As we open our presents on Christmas morning, we will be able to remember the three hundred children, who this year will be opening their first ever Christmas present.





Some comments from Open Evening 2011:

"SJP was innovating, vibrant and energetic"

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## Year 8 Enterprise Day



Year 8 Enterprise day took place last week at our College. All of Year 8 pupils were involved in the day and it gave the pupils an understanding of business and entrepreneurial skills, promoted and created a teamwork ethic, developed communication and presentation skills and developed their ability to work under pressure and keep to deadlines.

These skills were developed throughout the day and were clearly demonstrated in the final presentation.

Pupils had to come up with an online product or service that would be profitable and sustainable in today's marketplace. The day began with the pupils being split into groups and they appointed a team leader. Their brief was to Devise an online product or service that would be successful in today's market place and decide who their target audience should be. After coming up with a product they considered areas like the customer profile, the 4'ps of marketing and the USP of their product or service.

Then came the challenging part; in the afternoon teams got to present their ideas to a panel of judges in a 'Dragons' Den meets the X-Factor' type format. Pupils also had to deliver a presentation from the stage. The judges or 'Dragons' then offered their views on the presentations and then judged an overall winner. All were of a very high standard but the winning team were from 8MT- and their product was targeted at the teenage musician market-. It was called-" Raving Ravers" and was based on an on-line company that not only allowed you to download music but to also customise it with the band name and customise merchandise and instruments to go with it. Each team member received a prize.



#### **Comments from Mrs Austin - Head of learning**

I was very proud of the year group and how they excelled themselves in the presentations. This day will help to prepare the pupils for the world of work and taught them many skills. Congratulations to the winning team.

#### **Comments by pupils**

"I enjoyed writing ideas down on a piece of paper and choosing the best one. I would change nothing, it was amazing."

"I really enjoyed making the presentation, drawing posters, working as a team and watching all the other groups."

"The day was the best!"

"I really enjoyed working in a team and making the product we invented"

## **Science Club**

This week, our young scientists launched carbon dioxide rockets. After accurately preparing the fuel of a secret mixture of sodium bicarbonate and citric acid, we took science club outside to the launch pad in the school's yard. After adding water, the reaction began, sending 3 or 4 rockets over the science block! Some failed to launch, spraying water everywhere! Joe's rocket was so successful that it disappeared into deepest, darkest space (10m in the air!)

Next week, science club is satisfying its sweet tooth as we make sherbet!

### Non-Uniform Day Thursday 24 November 2011

Pupils in non-uniform to bring £1 as part of our fundraising campaign to be handed in to Form Tutors No jewellery, sensible clothing please.

# **Christmas Clearout**

As you are aware our fabulous *Here Comes Christmas!* Fair is rapidly approaching, the big event is on Friday 2nd December. If you have any unwanted bric a brac, books, CDs, DVDs, pictures, toys and games, please send these into school where they will be converted into cash and become somebody else's treasure.

HCC is the biggest and brightest school fair in the North West of England, where £10,000 cash or a brand new car could be won, a fabulous mountain bike, amazing stalls, and of course, meet Father Christmas in his super grotto. All of the money raised supports the children of our school and our chosen charity Street Child Africa.

# **Work Experience**

All Year 12 Self placement forms need to be completed as soon as possible and returned to reception. They need to be signed by both the employers and parents/carers.



# **Basketball News**

Year 8 Basketball vs Ridgeway High School.

Congratulations to the Year 8 Basketball Team who fought and won their basketball game against a strong side from Ridgeway High School. The games started well for the SJP side with 5 baskets inside the first quarter without return; Including a huge 3 point basket from Oscar Senior.

However Ridgeway came back into the game in the second quarter and managed to reduce the deficit to 4 points by half time. The second-half started poorly for SJP and going into the final quarter we were only 2 points ahead. The game remained tight until 3 minutes to go when Ridgeway drew level.

There were chances at both ends heading into the final minute but it was the cool head and accurate shooting from Austin Cheung that finaly gave SJP the win by 2 points.

Well done to all students who competed. Kuda Chiwawa, Austin Cheung, Michael Kelly, Oscar Senior, Kam-

#### Next PTA meeting: 7pm Tuesday 22nd November 2011 in the College Staff Room. All are welcome.

#### Faulty Rucksack Alert!

If any pupil has an SJP rucksack with a faulty zip, which they bought from the Wirral Uniform Shop, if you take it back they will exchange it for a new one.

# Attendance - 18.11.2011



Year 7 - 96.6% Year 8 - 94.1% Year 9 - 94.9% Year 10 - 92.9% Year 11 - 94.0%

## Language Corner

#### La cultura española.... iLa Tomatina!

Read the following text and see if you can answer the questions below.

En **Buñol**, en la región de Valencia, hay una fiesta. En la fiesta, la población se lanza tomates. Tiene lugar en el último miércoles de agosto. Miles de personas vienen al pueblo y se usa unos 40.000 kilos de fruta. Después de la fiesta, todo el pueblo es rojo.



What region of Spain is Buñol in? What fruit do they throw at each other? What day of the week does it take place on? What weight of fruit do they use up? And in which month does it take place?

First five correct answers to Mr Joglekar in MFL 5 will receive a house point.

## Weekly Theme - 'Faithful to Christ'



The last Sunday of the Churches' year is celebrated with a day dedicated to Christ the Universal King. It is to remind us of our Christian belief that the victorious and triumphant risen Jesus will come again in glory at the end of the World. On this day we also celebrate our Youth, our hope for the future.

#### Matthew 25:31-46

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right; "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

"Then the righteous will answer him; "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in,

### **Puzzle Corner**

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Can you put the digits 1 to 11 in the circles so that every line has the same total?

Number Lines 2



Solution from last week

Barry opened the box labelled "pears & oranges". This box must contain only pears and oranges. If he picks a pear then he knows the box he opens is "pears" and the other two boxes must be "oranges" and "pears & oranges". The only labelled "oranges" must be wrong so it is labelled as pears 7oranges". A similar argument works if he picks an orange.

He Picks	Pears	Oranges	Ρ&Ο
A Pear	Oranges	Ρ&Ο	Pears
An orange	P & O	Pears	Oranges

or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?""

The King will reply; "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Then he will say to those on his left; "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me."

They also will answer; "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?"

He will reply; "Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me,"

Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

Father, all powerful God of love, you raised Jesus from death to life and he is know with you in glory, as King of creation.

May all the world rejoice in his peace, glory in his justice, and live in his love. Amen

